

REMARKS

1. Please accept Applicant's amendment to the specification. Specifically, Applicant has changed the word "side" to correctly read "slide" in the Abstract in order to overcome Examiner's objection raised on page 3, paragraph 5 of Paper #6.

2. Applicant has cancelled claims 9 and 10, rendering the following moot:

a. Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection of claim 10 stated as Item #14 of the Final Office Action.


b. Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection of claims 9 and 10 stated as Item #17 of the Final Office Action.

c. Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 9 and 10 stated as Item #18 of the Final Office Action.

Given Examiner's acceptance of the abovementioned amendments and cancellations, the only rejections remaining on appeal are Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections of claim 1-4, 6-8, 11 and 18-19, all as stated in Items #15 and #19 of Examiner's Final Office Action. Applicant appreciates Examiner's consideration of the requests made herein, and submits that allowing the cancellations and amendments will certainly place the application in better form for appeal.

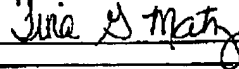
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